



PHD STUDENTS, LEADERSHIP FOR THE ECOZOIC, DEPART. OF ANTHROPOLOGY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The Department of Anthropology at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec seeks PhD students for Fall 2025 to comprise the sixth cohort of Leadership for the Ecozoic ([L4E](#)) fellows. This cohort will join the current L4E community of over 40 PhD fellows at UVM and McGill.

L4E offers exceptional graduate students the opportunity to collaborate in enabling a socially just transition to a mutually enhancing human-Earth relationship. Applicants to the McGill Anthropology [PhD program](#) would demonstrate an interest in developing original anthropological research projects related to this vision and purpose, to be shared with a richly interdisciplinary L4E community at McGill and the University of Vermont.

Successful applicants will receive five years of funding to pursue their PhD in anthropology while actively engaging in the L4E inter-university network via coursework, workshops, webinars, retreats, and other collaborative activities. L4E students affiliated with our [Anthropology for the Ecozoic](#) node will receive cutting edge theoretical training as well as instruction in both conventional and experimental ethnographic methods for engaged research. They will have the opportunity to partake in activities and lines of inquiry related to Territories of Life initiatives of the [Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives](#) and the [Critical Media Lab](#) and will also collaborate with L4E counterparts at the University of Vermont's (UVM) [Ecological Economics](#) node.

About Leadership for the Ecozoic:

The Ecozoic represents a vision for the future founded on mutually enhancing relationships between human societies and the planetary community of life, which in turn will require socially just and mutually enhancing relationships among humans. L4E, based at McGill University and the University of Vermont, works toward that vision by: (1) advancing transdisciplinary scholarship in select doctoral programs to educate and empower new leaders for the Ecozoic; (2) co-creating a global research-to-action network to heal and restore Earth's life support systems and to define and foster a different mode of inhabiting the Earth, respectful of life's myriad ways of knowing and being; and (3) mobilizing and focusing higher education resources and communication on mitigating multi-faceted, human-induced, planetary declines in life support capacity. See the [L4E Strategic Plan](#) and [L4E website](#) for more information.



L4E aims to establish a "global campus" that brings together an expanded community to envision, disseminate, and implement socially just pathways towards the Ecozoic. To realize this vision, L4E has begun to establish a set of Network Strategy Centers (NSCs) in partnership with universities, NGOs and existing global networks. We focus on implementing, communicating, and advocating for paradigm shifting outcomes through internships, action-research projects, long-term partnerships and strategic communications. The two NSCs already established are Anthropology for the Ecozoic at McGill and Ecological Economics at UVM.

Diversity Statement: Justice, equity, diversity and inclusion are core values for L4E. We believe diversity of lifeways and of lifeforms leads to resiliency and we celebrate the power in our community of diversity relating to gender, race, socioeconomic status, culture, language, nationality, religion and other ways of being, knowing and expression.

Qualifications: Acceptance to McGill University and dedication to the goals and principles of the L4E initiative.

Application: Interested L4E applicants should familiarize themselves with [Anthropology for the Ecozoic](#) the [L4E Strategic Plan](#) and, more broadly, the [L4E website](#) and are requested to submit to Colin Scott colin.scott@mcgill.ca (copy to dina.spigelski@mcgill.ca) the following: 1) a 2-page cover letter, 2) a CV, 3) a research proposal and 4) the completed L4E [Recruitment Questionnaire](#) by December 1, 2024. Applicants must ALSO apply to the Anthropology PhD program by December 1. They should identify a potential supervisor in the Department of Anthropology and propose an anthropological research project that has direct relevance to Ecozoic issues, broadly construed.

Applicants interested in University of Vermont's (UVM) [Ecological Economics](#) node should contact Josh Farley jfarley@uvm.edu (copy to dina.spigelski@mcgill.ca) and apply by December 1, 2024.